

National Vaccine Advisory Committee

Report from the Chair

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Logistics

- Regularly scheduled NVAC meeting
 - Posted in Federal Register on August 25, 2011
- Agenda posted on the NVAC website
 - <http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/nvac/index.html>
- Accessibility
 - In-person meeting
 - Electronic broadcast as webinar
 - Publicly available toll-free conference line to listen to the meeting
 - Webinar registration information and conference line dial-in numbers available on the “Upcoming Meetings” page of the NVAC website

Logistics (2)

- Public comment
 - Time available today
 - Not a question-and-answer or media session
 - If unable to provide comment at the meeting, written comments can be emailed to nvpo@hhs.gov
- Minutes are being taken and both the meeting and call are being recorded
- Reminders for speakers
 - If seated at the table, ensure your microphone is on and you speaking directly into it
 - Public speakers should identify themselves

Approval of prior meeting Minutes

- June 2011 in-person meeting

NVAC Membership

- Thank you to members continuing to serve while replacements are finalized
- Two members completing term on NVAC
 - Dr. Richard Clover
 - Dr. Laura Riley

NVAC Charter renewed

- Charter renewed every 2 years in accordance with Federal advisory committee guidelines
 - 2-year charter renewed July 27, 2011
- Highlighted changes:
 - Additional ex-officio members:
 - Indian Health Services and Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
 - Operating costs updated
 - Notice of meeting required at least 15 days prior

NVAC Meeting Follow-up

- Matrix of identified action items
 - 38 items since September 2010
 - 26 closed/fully completed
 - Addressing new asks to NVAC/partitioning to WGs
 - Health care worker vaccination
 - Adult immunizations
 - Vaccine safety
 - Presentations/handouts at meetings
 - Vaccine Finance
 - Seasonal influenza
 - Updates on progress from prior NVAC reports
 - Immunization registry improvement
 - Healthy People 2020 goals

NVAC Meeting Follow-up (2)

- 12 in progress/ 4 addressed at this meeting
 - 2 reference health disparities & addressed as handouts at this meeting:
 - Effort by NIH to promote research collaboration, utilization and dissemination of health disparities research findings
 - Immunization and disparities among undocumented immigrants
 - 1 addresses Vaccine Safety Working Group white paper
 - Report to be discussed and voted on at this meeting
 - 1 addresses reinstituting Vaccine Finance Working group to be discussed at this meeting

NVAC Meeting Follow-up (3)

- 12 in progress (continued)
 - 2 issues requested to be addressed at upcoming meetings:
 - Overview of HHS Partnership for Patients and the National Health Care Quality Strategy
 - Evaluate "Combating the silent epidemic of viral hepatitis: Action plan for prevention, care and treatment of viral hepatitis"
 - 2 are requests for sharing of information:
 - circulate to NVAC its State fact sheets describing how ARRA funds for vaccines and infrastructure were spent
 - circulate tutorial on using NIH's searchable database of NIH-funded research
 - 4 are administrative in nature:
 - Post 2 approved reports on NVAC website
 - Publish adult immunization reports in Public Health Reports
 - In the future, members will be invited and encouraged to attend regional meetings with stakeholders that NVPO is organizing

Accomplishments: 2008-present

- Addressed significant challenges such as H1N1
- Participated in developing the National Vaccine Plan
- Addressed six NVAC charges with three working groups and two subgroups
- Adopted 16 reports/recommendations
- Implemented State of the Program Report
- Published in peer reviewed journals
- Formalized administrative tasks

NVAC reports/ recommendations: 2008-2009

■ 2008

- Assuring Vaccination of Children and Adolescents without Financial Barriers: Recommendations from the National Vaccine Advisory Committee
- Immunization Information Systems
- The Promise and Challenge of Adolescent Immunization as published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine (Am J Prev Med. 2008 Aug;35(2):152-7)
- Adolescent Vaccination: Recommendations from the National Vaccine Advisory Committee, Adolescent Working Group published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine (Am J Prev Med. 2009 Mar;36(3):278-9)

■ 2009

- Report on 2009 H1N1 Vaccine Safety Risk Assessment
- 2009 H1N1 Influenza Communications Recommendation
- 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Safety Monitoring Recommendation
- Recommendations on 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Safety Monitoring
- 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccination Program Financing Recommendations
- NVAC Recommendations for Federal Adult Immunization Programs
- NVAC Recommendations on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Immunization Safety Office Draft 5-Year Scientific Agenda
- Abramson JS. National Vaccine Advisory Committee 2008 vaccine financing recommendations: different point of view. Pediatrics 2009;124 Suppl 5:S569-S570

NVAC reports/ recommendations: 2010-2011

■ 2010

- Report on 2009 H1N1 Vaccine Safety Risk Assessment - June 2010
- Report on 2009 H1N1 Vaccine Safety Risk Assessment - April 2010
- Report on 2009 H1N1 Vaccine Safety Risk Assessment - March 2010
- Report on 2009 H1N1 Vaccine Safety Risk Assessment - February 2010
- Report on 2009 H1N1 Vaccine Safety Risk Assessment - January 2010

■ 2011

- Adult Immunization: Complex challenges and recommendations for improvement
- Evaluation of the first year of the universal influenza vaccine recommendation
- Draft white paper: Vaccine Safety Working Group
- Draft report: Health Care Personnel Influenza Vaccination Subgroup

IOM response to 2009 NVAC recommendation

- The IOM conducting “Assessment of Studies of Health Outcomes Related to the Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule”
- In response to 2009 recommendation 7 from ISO Scientific Agenda:
 - ...for an external expert committee, such as the Institute of Medicine, with broad methodological, design, and ethical expertise to consider strengths and weaknesses, ethical issues and feasibility including timelines and cost of various study designs to examine outcomes in unvaccinated, vaccine delayed and vaccinated children and report back to the NVAC.

Current Agenda Highlights

■ Vaccine Safety

- Update on safety coordination and HHS Immunization Safety Task Force
 - IOM study: Assessment of health outcomes
- IOM report on committee to review adverse effects on vaccines
- Vaccine safety white paper: discussion, comment and vote

■ Influenza

- HHS Interagency task force 2011-2012 season
- Health Care Personnel Influenza Working Group information and discussion

Current Agenda Highlights (2)

- National Vaccine Plan
 - Presentation on implementation
 - Healthy People 2020 and immunization goals
- Vaccine Financing Coordination
 - 3rd party billing- issues and CDC pilot project
 - Future of 317
 - HRSA's community health centers and immunization
- Pharmacists
 - Role of pharmacists in adult vaccination

Title XXI Public Health Service Act

Sec. 2102: National Vaccine Program

Responsibilities:

- 1) Vaccine Research
- 2) Vaccine Development
- 3) Safety and efficacy testing of vaccines
- 4) Licensing of vaccine manufacturers and vaccines
- 5) Production and procurement of vaccines
- 6) Distribution and use of vaccines
- 7) Evaluating the need for, the effectiveness, and adverse effects of vaccines and immunization activities
- 8) Coordinating governmental and non-governmental activities
- 9) Funding of federal agencies

NVAC: Future meeting dates

- In-person

- February 7-8, 2012
- June 5-6, 2012
- September 11-12, 2012